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Notice of Non-responsive Amendment

The reply filed on 20 December 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): At the outset it should be noted that the amendment to claims 16 and 18-25 and newly submitted claims 38-65 and 78-85 amount to a shift in invention such that a serious search burden would be presented to the examiner to continue to examine these claims with the previously examined product claims, claims 10-15 and new claims 37 and 66-69. These method claims were previously drawn to a method for detecting expression of a fusion protein using the product of claim 10 by transferring a gene and detecting expression of said gene. Currently, these claims read on a method for detecting a recombinant seven transmembrane G-protein associated receptor comprising introducing a nucleic acid encoding such a receptor and detecting cellular expression of such a receptor. This invention included full-length receptors and truncated receptors and is not an assay for the fusion proteins of claim 10 as such this amounts to an impermissible shift in invention. See 37 CFR 1.111.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Konstantina Katcheves whose telephone number is (571) 272-0768. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 to 5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Remy Yucel, Ph.D. can be reached on (571) 272-0781. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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